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## 国際調査報告

(法8条、法施行規則第40、41条)  
[PCT18条、PCT規則43、44]

出願人又は代理人 の書類記号 P 2 3 6 5 5 - P O	今後の手続きについては、国際調査報告の送付通知様式(PCT/ISA/220)及び下記5を参照すること。	
国際出願番号 PCT/JP00/07222	国際出願日 (日.月.年) 18. 10. 00	優先日 (日.月.年) 19. 10. 99
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国際調査機関が作成したこの国際調査報告を法施行規則第41条(PCT18条)の規定に従い出願人に送付する。  
この写しは国際事務局にも送付される。

この国際調査報告は、全部で 3 ページである。

☐ この調査報告に引用された先行技術文献の写しも添付されている。

## 1. 国際調査報告の基礎

- a. 言語は、下記に示す場合を除くほか、この国際出願がされたものに基づき国際調査を行った。  
☐ この国際調査機関に提出された国際出願の翻訳文に基づき国際調査を行った。
- b. この国際出願は、ヌクレオチド又はアミノ酸配列を含んでおり、次の配列表に基づき国際調査を行った。  
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☐ この国際出願と共に提出されたフレキシブルディスクによる配列表  
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2. ☐ 請求の範囲の一部の調査ができない(第I欄参照)。

3. ☐ 発明の単一性が欠如している(第II欄参照)。

4. 発明の名称は ☒ 出願人が提出したものを承認する。  
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5. 要約は ☒ 出願人が提出したものを承認する。  
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6. 要約書とともに公表される図は、  
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☐ 出願人は図を示さなかった。  
☐ 本図は発明の特徴を一層よく表している。

## A. 発明の属する分野の分類 (国際特許分類 (IPC))

Int. Cl<sup>7</sup> H04N9/07

## B. 調査を行った分野

調査を行った最小限資料 (国際特許分類 (IPC))

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最小限資料以外の資料で調査を行った分野に含まれるもの

日本国実用新案公報 1922-1996年  
 日本国公開実用新案公報 1971-2001年  
 日本国登録実用新案公報 1994-2001年  
 日本国実用新案登録公報 1996-2001年

国際調査で使用した電子データベース (データベースの名称、調査に使用した用語)

## C. 関連すると認められる文献

引用文献の カテゴリー*	引用文献名 及び一部の箇所が関連するときは、その関連する箇所の表示	関連する 請求の範囲の番号
A	WO, 96/07275, A1 (ソニー株式会社) 7. 3月. 1996 (07. 03. 96) 全文, 全図 & EP, 731616, A1 & JP, 8-508623, A & CN, 113681, A & US, 5748235, A	1-9
A	JP, 10-164602, A (ミノルタ株式会社) 19. 6月. 1998 (19. 06. 98) 全文, 全図 (ファミリーなし)	1-9

☒ C欄の続きにも文献が列挙されている。☐ パテントファミリーに関する別紙を参照。

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 「&」 同一パテントファミリー文献

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23.01.01

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## C (続き) 関連すると認められる文献

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A	JP, 7-59098, A (イースマン・コダック・カンパニー) 3. 3月. 1995 (03. 03. 95) 全文, 全図 & EP, 632663, A2 & US, 5382976, A	1-9
A	JP, 4-88782, A (キヤノン株式会社) 23. 3月. 1992 (23. 03. 92) 全文, 全図 & DE, 69124866, C & EP, 469836, A2 & JP, 4-88783, A & JP, 4-88787, A & US, 5305096, A & US, 5579047, A	1-9
A	JP, 7-99664, A (三洋電機株式会社) 11. 4月. 1995 (11. 04. 95) 全文, 全図 (ファミリーなし)	1-9
P, A	WO, 99/59345, A1 (松下電器産業株式会社) 18. 11月. 1999 (18. 11. 99) 全文, 全図 (ファミリーなし)	1-9

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP00/07222

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl.<sup>7</sup> H04N9/07

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO, 96/07275, A1 (Sony Corporation), 07 March, 1996 (07.03.96), Full text; all drawings & EP, 731616, A1 & JP, 8-508623, A & CN, 113681, A & US, 5748235, A	1-9
A	JP, 10-164602, A (Minolta Co., Ltd.), 19 June, 1998 (19.06.98), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-9
A	JP, 7-59098, A (Eastman Kodak Company), 03 March, 1995 (03.03.95), Full text; all drawings & EP, 632663, A2 & US, 5382976, A	1-9
A	JP, 4-88782, A (Canon Inc.), 23 March, 1992 (23.03.92), Full text; all drawings & DE, 69124866, C & EP, 469836, A1 & JP, 4-88783, A & JP, 4-88787, A & US, 5305096, A & US, 5579047, A	1-9

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.
 ☐ See patent family annex.

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A	JP, 7-99664, A (Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.), 11 April, 1995 (11.04.95), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-9
PA	WO, 99/59345, A1 (Matsushita Electric Ind. Co., Ltd.), 18 November, 1999 (18.11.99), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-9

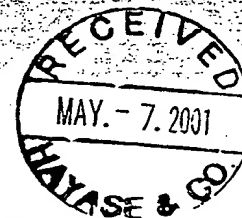
From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE  
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APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 26 April 2001 (26.04.01)		IMPORTANT NOTICE	
Applicant's or agent's file reference P23655-PO			
International application No. PCT/JP00/07222	International filing date (day/month/year) 18 October 2000 (18.10.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 19 October 1999 (19.10.99)	
Applicant MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. et al			

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:

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In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

CN,ID,SG

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3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 26 April 2001 (26.04.01) under No. WO 01/30087

## REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

## REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the national phase, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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# PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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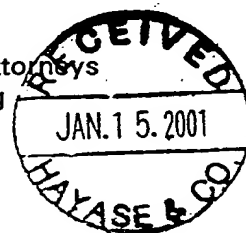
## NOTIFICATION CONCERNING SUBMISSION OR TRANSMITTAL OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

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- The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
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is outputted from the signal processing circuit, and using the filter-transmitted signals corresponding to the peripheral pixels of the pixel placed in the position closest to the pixel to be newly generated, which filter-transmitted signals are outputted from the image pickup elements.

3. A color image pickup device as defined in Claim 1 [or Claim 2], wherein the color separation filters corresponding to the four pixels forming each array pattern of the color separation filters on the image pickup elements are composed of two whole-color-transmission filters (hereinafter referred to as W filters) and two color filters, and the W filters and the color filters are arranged in a checker pattern.

4. A color image pickup device as defined in Claim 3, wherein said color filters are a cyan-transmitting filter and a yellow-transmitting filter.

5. A color image pickup device as defined in Claim 3 [or Claim 4] wherein, when the pixel placed in the position closest to the pixel to be newly generated is a color filter pixel, said resolution conversion circuit obtains the luminance value of the pixel to be newly generated, by calculating (a difference between filter-transmitted signals of W filter pixels adjacent to the color filter pixel)  $\times$  (a factor based on the position of the pixel



to be newly generated)+(the luminance value of the color filter pixel outputted from the signal processing circuit).

6. A color image pickup device as defined in Claim 3 [or Claim 4] wherein, when the pixel placed in the position closest to the pixel to be newly generated is a W filter pixel, said resolution conversion circuit obtains the luminance value of the pixel to be newly generated, by calculating (a difference between filter-transmitted signals of color filter pixels adjacent to the W filter pixel)  $\times$  (a factor based on the position of the pixel to be newly generated)+(the luminance value of the color filter pixel outputted from the signal processing circuit).

7. A color image pickup device as defined in Claim 3 [or Claim 4] wherein, when the pixel placed in the position closest to the pixel to be newly generated is a W filter pixel, said resolution conversion circuit obtains the luminance value of the pixel to be newly generated, by calculating (a difference between filter-transmitted signals of W filter pixels that are placed with a color filter pixel between them)  $\times$  (a factor based on the position of the pixel to be newly generated)+(the luminance value of the color filter pixel outputted from the signal processing circuit).

Claim 1

8. A color image pickup device as defined in <sup>Claim 1</sup>any of Claims 1 to 7, wherein said resolution conversion circuit obtains a color-

difference signal of the pixel to be newly generated, by performing liner interpolation using the color-difference signals obtained by the signal processing circuit.

Claim 1

9. A color image pickup device as defined in any of Claims 1 to 7, wherein said resolution conversion circuit obtains a color-difference signal of the pixel to be newly generated, by using the filter-transmitted signals corresponding to the respective pixels and outputted from the image pickup elements.